

*lucifugus*" becomes a pedomorphic variety of *V. subulatus*. It might be expected that pedomorphic varieties closely resemble each other when the same disposition is exhibited in closely allied species. It is almost impossible to distinguish the pedomorphic variety of *V. subulatus* from that of *V. nitidus*; or, to express it differently, the "*V. lucifugus*" from the range of *V. subulatus* is an almost identical form with the "*V. lucifugus*" from the range of *V. nitidus*. Some species exhibit the disposition to retain pedomorphic variation to a greater degree than others, and it is held to be probably true that the existence of this disposition to so remarkable a degree in the North American species of *Vespertilio* accounts for the great confusion which has existed in this genus.—Writers imply by their language that there is but one kind of variation, namely, the geographical. It is an advantage to recognize two kinds, namely, the pedomorphic and the geographical.

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APRIL 28.

Dr. GEORGE H. HORN in the chair.

Twenty-four persons present.

The following were elected members :

John Arschaggoni, M. D., Robert P. Morton, Witmer Stone and Edwin Corlies Atkinson.

Charler Otis Whitman of Worcester, was elected a correspondent.

The following were ordered to be printed :—